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1. CALLED ON AVRAMOV, HEAD OF 8TH DEPARTMENT MFA
(SOMETHING LIKE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR WESTERN HEMISPHERE
AFFAIRS) APRIL 9. I PURPOSELY DID NOT SEE CORRESPONDING
OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF NEAR EASTERN AFFAIRS, IN ORDER TO
STRESS ANGLE OF AMERICAN-BULGARIAN RELATIONS.

2. I SHOWED THE DEFAMATORY STORY IN RABOTNICHESKO DELO
TO AVRAMOV, COMMENTED AS PER REFTEL A, MAKING CLEAR I WAS
SPEAKING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, AND ADDED TWO POINTS:
(A) THAT OUR VIEWS ON THIS MATTER HAD ALSO BEEN COMMUNICATED
TO THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT; AND (B) REFERENCE TO MY MARCH 18
CONVERSATION WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ZACHARIEVA
(REFTEL B) IN WHICH, IN CONNECTION WITH PREPARATIONS FOR
VE-DAY, I HAD REFERRED TO AN OBJECTIONABLE ARTICLE,
ALSO IN RABOTNICHESKO DELO, ON ANOTHER SUBJECT INVOLVING
THE U.S.

3. AVRAMOV'S FACE DROPPED AS I CONVEYED WASHINGTON'S
REACTION TO THE ARTICLE, HE TOOK CAREFUL NOTES, BUT
MADE NO COMMENT.
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